

Out-migration was much greater for the county than for Louisburg. More than seven thousand people left the county during the decade. Two-thirds of those leaving were Negroes. Instead of having fewer people in 1960 than in 1950, Franklin County would have had almost five thousand more people in 1960 if it were not for out-migration.

The major portion of those leaving the county are young adults who are in their late teens, their twenties, or their thirties. In fact, over one-half of those age 10-19 in 1950 (20-29 in 1960) and one-fourth of those 20-29 in 1950 (30-39 in 1960) left the county during the '50's. Most, and perhaps all, of the decrease in the older age groups shown in Table 3 is the result of mortality rather than migration.

For the most part, those leaving Louisburg are even younger than those leaving the county. More than one-fourth of those under age 19 in 1950 (under 29 in 1960) moved out of the town during the ten year period.

This out-movement on the part of the young adults will tend to impede both economic and population growth. The peak consumer spending age group is reported to be the group between ages 30-39 (Politz Survey, Life Magazine); that is, those individuals who are firmly established as heads of households and families. Those people this age and younger are leaving the county in large numbers.

Table 3: MIGRATION BY AGE GROUPS, 1950-1960 /1

FRANKLIN COUNTY				LOUISBURG		
Percent of 1950 Group Present in 1960	1960 Pop.	1950 Pop.	Age in 1950	1950 Pop.	1960 Pop.	Percent of 1950 Group Present in 1960
78.9	5,926	7,526	0-9	461	299	64.9
<u>46.4</u>	2,954	6,362	10-19	284	208	<u>73.2</u>
<u>71.7</u>	3,352	4,673	20-29	383	360	<u>94.0</u>
80.7	3,427	4,196	30-39	390	357	91.5
83.2	2,712	3,259	40-49	297	252	84.8
74.9	1,729	2,308	50-59	222	178	80.2
51.6	1,436	2,785	60+	276	167	60.5

1/ The students enrolled in Louisburg College are not represented in this table. There were 232 college students in 1950 and 497 in 1960. It was assumed that three-fifths of the students were age 15-19 and two-fifths were age 20-24. Enrollment figures were secured from the college.